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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ET, US

SUBJECT: KAGNEW 3 - MESSAGE TO PLF FROM LEN CAMPBELL

1. MR. LEONARD CAMPBELL, FATHER OF STEVEN CAMPBELL, HAS ASKED THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE TRANSMITTED TO OSMAN SALEH SABBE, SECRETARY GENERAL, FOREIGN MISSION, POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES. IF OSMAN STILL IN DAMASCUS AND EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REQUESTING APPROPRIATE GOS OFFICIAL TO FACILITATE DELIVERY TO OSMAN OF FOLLOWING TEXT:

2. QUOTE: I RECENTLY HEARD OF A MEETING TAKING PLACE IN DAMASCUS BETWEEN LEADERS OF THE PLF AND ELF. IN REGARD TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS MEETING, I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST YOUR INTERCESSION ON

BEHALF OF THE THREE AMERICANS STILL BEING HELD BY THE PLF/
ELF IN ERITREA. I HAVE READ A COPY OF YOUR STATEMENT
RELEASED IN BEIRUT ON DECEMBER 30 AND WAS PLEASED TO LEARN
THAT YOU HAVE REQUESTED THE RELEASE OF ALL THE AMERICANS
BEING HELD BY THE PLF.

3. I RECENTLY HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF MEETING MR. THOMAS
BOWIDOWICZ, ONE OF THE AMERICANS RELEASED BY THE ELF ON
JANUARY 9, AND HIS PARENTS, UPON TOM'S ARRIVAL IN CHICAGO.
IN THE FEW MOMENTS WE HAD TOGETHER, TOM SPOKE VERY WELL OF

THE TREATMENT GIVEN HIM DURING HIS DETENTION BY THE ELF.
STEVEN CAMPBELL'S FAMILY BELIEVES NOW THAT STEVEN, JIM
HARRELL AND RONALD MICHALKE WILL ALSO BE RELEASED VERY
SOON BECAUSE OF THIS HUMANITARIAN GESTURE ON THE PART OF
THE ELF.

4. I HAVE SPOKEN WITH STEVE'S WIFE, ADELE, WHO IS AN
ERITREAN LADY, AND SHE TOO IS VERY OPTIMISTIC AND PLEASED
TO LEARN THAT THE MEN RELEASED BY THE ELF WERE WELL-TREATED
AND CARED FOR. SHE HOPES TO BE REUNITED WITH HER HUSBAND
VERY SOON. SINCERELY YOURS, LEN CAMPBELL, FATHER OF
STEVEN CAMPBELL. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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